



PATENT APPLICATION

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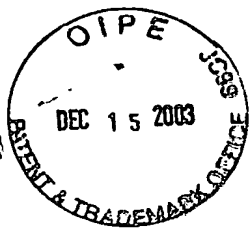

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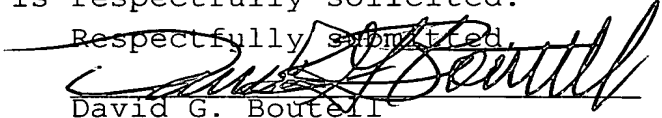
More specifically, EP 11 99 591 A1 is mentioned in Applicant's specification. The aforesaid European reference corresponds to U.S. Publication No. 2002/0044256 A1.

DE 36 08 515 (which corresponds to US-4 856 872) and DE 691 14 563 (which corresponds to US-5 056 902) constitute the additional art known to the Applicant and are believed to be distinguishable from the claimed invention.

In that the three cited references have corresponding U.S. patents/publication, and since this application was filed after June 30, 2003, Applicant hereby accepts the USPTO waiver of the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent [1271 Off. Gaz. Pat. Off. 100, 6/17/2003]. Accordingly, further comment at this point in time should not be necessary.

Further consideration is respectfully solicited.

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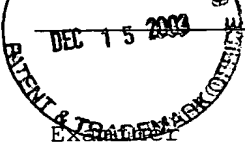
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